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12 a) Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Function

To consider the following Minute and recommendation from the Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee held on 7 July 2022. The full agenda report and any associated appendices were circulated with the agenda for that Committee .

The Committee considered a draft Annual Report for the Municipal Year 2021/22 in accordance with sub-paragraph 6.03 (d) of the Council's Constitution which stated that the Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee must report annually to Full Council.

The Select Committee had considered a number of items over the previous twelve months, including two call ins relating to the PSPO in Egham and the appointment to outside bodies.

Other items on the Select Committee's agenda had been related to Treasury Management and progress towards savings, with a further update on progress towards savings expected at October's Committee meeting.

A Member queried the wording around the call-in relating to outside bodies, believing that Members had not misinterpreted advice around not being able to make a speech in support of their own nomination, but rather they had been told they were unable to do so.

It was agreed to tweak this wording for the Chair's consideration, who would decide whether he was supportive of an amendment to the report at full Council.

Another Member asked about the regularity of Treasury Management training for Members. Whilst it was agreed at a previous meeting that training would take place every other year, this would be kept under review given the potential annual turnover of membership of the Committee.

Recommended to full Council that –

the Overview & Scrutiny Select Committee annual report be received and adopted

12 b) Addlestone One – Cladding

To consider the following Minute and recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee held on 14 July 2022. The full agenda report and any associated appendices were circulated with the agenda for that Committee .

Following a decision of this Committee in July 2021, Officers had undertaken a procurement exercise to secure tenders from suitable contractors to undertake remediation works in the Addlestone One development, monitored developments at a national level in respect of what has become known as the cladding crisis and investigated the Council's legal options.

The Committee was informed of the procurement process undertaken in respect of the cladding materials in situ on the Addlestone One development and the recommended contractor and contract sum, the next steps that the Council proposed to take to address

those issues following a compliant procurement process and approval was sought to commence works at no cost to the leaseholders living in the scheme who meet the qualifying criteria, which would resolve the cladding issue.

The estimated draft programme for remediation works was as follows:

July 2022 - Award Contract

August 22 – September 22 – Lead in period for Contractor

September – April 24 – Construction Phase (with no phasing)

May 24 – April 24 – Defects period

The Committee was also informed of developments at national level regarding cladding, recent legal developments concerning building safety and the Council's current position with regard to possible legal action against the contractor responsible for the construction of the development. A further report would be made to Members once investigations were complete, to consider whether the Council should proceed with any action, including further detail on the potential costs and outcomes. Members noted that work on further legal action would not prevent the Council from awarding a contract for the cladding remediation works or commencing such works.

The Committee was supportive of the proposed way forward and-

Recommend to Full Council on 21 July 2022 that:

- 1. a contract to undertake cladding remediation works to the residential blocks which form part of the Addlestone One development be awarded to the company and for the contract sum reported**
- 2. the cladding remediation works be delivered under a JCT Intermediate form of contract with contractor's design which will be executed on the Council's behalf by Corporate Head Law and Governance in consultation with the Chief Executive, Assistant Chief Executive and the Corporate Head of Assets and Regeneration.**
- 3. the proposed programme of works be noted but that this may be subject to change following clarifications and final interview with the intended contractor.**
- 4. the leaseholders who meet the qualifying criteria set out in the body of the report will not be required to contribute to the costs of these works which will be met by the Council.**
- 5. officers be authorised to continue to explore the Council's options in respect of possible legal action in relation to the cladding installed in the Addlestone One development.**